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SUBJ: OBSERVATION OF KASHMIR SELF-DETERMINATION DAY

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1. KASHMIR SELF-DETERMINATION DAY WAS OBSERVED IN PAKISTAN MARCH 17 WITH SOMEWHAT LESS THAN AN EXCESS OF ZEAL. SEVERAL SMALL POLITICAL MEETINGS WERE HELD, BUT LITTLE ELSE. AS REPORTED REFTELS, THE DAY HAD BEEN CALLED TO "DEMONSTRATE THE KASHMIRI PEOPLE'S CONTINUING RESOLVE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION," AND PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO MARCH 10 PLEDGED PAKISTAN'S OBSERVING THE DAY TO RECIPROCATE SUPPORT OF KASHMIRIS IN INDIAN HELD AREA FOR HARTAL CALLED BY GOP ON FEBRUARY 28.

2. ACCORDING TO PAKISTAN TIMES, MARCH 18, THE DAY WAS CHARACTERIZED IN NORTHERN PAKISTAN BY A SERIES OF MEETINGS HELD BY KASHMIRI POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. IN RAWALPINDI, THE BIGGEST OF THESE WAS HELD AT THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL CENTER UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AZAD KASHMIR AWAMI ACTION COMMITTEE. THE MEETING WAS ADDRESSED BY THE FOLLOWING MAJOR AK POLITICAL LEADERS: HAMID KHAN, PRESIDENT OF THE AZAD KASHMIR PEOPLE'S  
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PARTY, WHO CONDEMNED THE INDIRA-ABDULLAH AGREEMENT,

SARDAR MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM, PRESIDENT OF THE ALL JAMMU AND KASHMIR MUSLIM CONFERENCE, WHO THANKED THE PEOPLE OF INDIAN KASHMIR FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE FEBRUARY 28 HARTAL, CHAUDHRI NOOR HUSAIN, PRESIDENT OF THE AZAD JAMMU AND MUSLIM CONFERENCE, WHO CALLED FOR ALL HEADS OF POLITICAL PARTIES TO MOBILIZE UNDER A SINGLE BANNER, AND K. H. KHURSHID, PRESIDENT OF THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIBERATION LEAGUE, WHO CALLED JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE A SINGLE ENTITY WHICH THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT ALLOW TO BE DIVIDED.

3. ACCORDING TO APP ACCOUNT, ALL MAJOR AZAD KASHMIR POLITICAL PARTIES IN AK CAPITAL OF MUZAFFARABAD HELD MEETINGS AND PASSED RESOLUTIONS PLEDGING THEIR SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF "OCCUPIED" KASHMIR AND TO THEIR LEADER MIR WAIZ MOHAMMAD FAROOQ. VARIOUS SPEAKERS, PRESS SAYS, EXPRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE UNTIL LIBERATION. IN KARACHI A PROCESSION WAS TAKEN OUT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AS A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE KASHMIRI PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO PRESS, THE PROCESSION WAS JOINED BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.

4. FOR THE MAIN, HOWEVER, IT WAS BUSINESS AS USUAL THROUGHOUT PAKISTAN. SHOPS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THOSE SCHOOLS WHICH WERE NOT CLOSED FOR OTHER REASONS REMAINED OPEN. BESIDES THE VARIOUS POLITICAL RALLIES MENTIONED ABOVE, EVENT WAS LARGELY COMMEMORATED BY A SERIES OF TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMS WHICH FEATURED KASHMIRI SONGS AND POETRY ON THE GENERAL THEME OF KASHMIRI LIBERATION. BOTH ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR PRESS HEADLINED PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S SPEECH (BEING REPORTED LAHORE SEPTTEL) OF MARCH 17 IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR A SOLUTION TO THE KASHMIR PROBLEM ONLY ON THE BASIS OF PLEBISCITE. ALL PRESS REPORTED SELF-DETERMINATION DAY AS SECONDARY HEADLINE.  
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